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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### DATES BY COMMITTEE

| Committee                  | Day      | Dates                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Full Council               | Thursday | 21 January 2027<br>(Precept Approval)<br>8 April 2027                                                                                                              |
| Planning                   | Thursday | 5 November 2026<br>26 November 2026<br>17 December 2026<br>7 January 2027<br>28 January 2027<br>18 February 2027<br>11 March 2027<br>1 April 2027<br>22 April 2027 |
| Estates & Environment      | Thursday | 3 December 2026<br>4 March 2027                                                                                                                                    |
| Community & Tourism        | Thursday | 10 December 2026<br>18 March 2027                                                                                                                                  |
| Finance & General Purposes | Thursday | 14 January 2027<br>(Precept Recommendation)<br>25 March 2027                                                                                                       |
| Annual Town Meeting        | Tuesday  | 9 March 2027                                                                                                                                                       |

### NOTES:

- 1) Meetings will start at 7.00pm.
- 2) Council and committee meetings provide a maximum period of 15 minutes for public questions prior to commencement.
- 3) Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday 9 March 2027 starts at 6.00pm.
- 4) All meetings will be held at East Court.



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Meet your Councillors in Queen's Walk  
on the following Saturdays:

2026

14 November: 10.00am–11.30am

2027

9 January: 1.00pm–2.30pm

6 February: 10.00am–11.30am

6 March: 1.00pm–2.30pm

3 April: 10.00am–11.30am

Look out for the green gazebo and flag on Queen's Walk

## USEFUL CONTACTS

|                                         |                |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|
| Age UK East Grinstead                   | 01342 327 046  |
| Being Neighbourly                       | 01342 544 044  |
| Bluebell Railway                        | 01825 720 800  |
| CAP Debt Help                           | 0800 328 0006  |
| Chequer Mead                            | 01342 302 000  |
| Citizens Advice                         | 0808 278 7969  |
| Clarion Housing                         | 0300 500 8000  |
| Community People                        | 01444 258 102  |
| Community Transport Sussex              | 01444 471 919  |
| Disability Access – East Grinstead Area | 01342 322 242  |
| East Grinstead Foodbank                 | 07983 209 940  |
| East Grinstead Library                  | 01342 332 900  |
| East Grinstead Museum                   | 01342 302 233  |
| East Grinstead Tourism Desk at Library  | 01342 410 121  |
| East Grinstead Town Council             | 01342 323 636  |
| Kings Centre                            | 01342 328 616  |
| Mid Sussex District Council             | 01444 458 166  |
| Mid Sussex Wellbeing                    | 01444 477 191  |
| National Dementia Helpline              | 0800 888 6678  |
| National Rail Enquiries                 | 03457 48 49 50 |
| NHS (non emergency)                     | 111            |
| Police (non emergency)                  | 101            |
| Police Contact Point, Chequer Mead      | 01273 470 101  |
| Quarry Café and Community Fridge        | 0772 4873 336  |
| Queen Victoria Hospital                 | 01342 414 000  |
| Samaritans                              | 116 123 (free) |
| The Hope Job Club                       | 01342 488 282  |
| West Sussex County Council Highways     | 01243 642 105  |

## CONTACT THE COUNCIL

### East Grinstead Town Council

**Visit:** East Court, College Lane, East Grinstead RH19 3LT

**Call:** 01342 323 636 **Click:** [www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk](http://www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk)

**Email:** [towncouncil@eastgrinstead.gov.uk](mailto:towncouncil@eastgrinstead.gov.uk)

**Instagram:** [egcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/egcouncil) **Facebook:** [egtowncouncil](https://www.facebook.com/egtowncouncil)

Reception and phone lines open 9.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

### East Grinstead Community and Tourism

**Visit:** Community and Tourism desk, Library Building,  
32-40 West Street, East Grinstead RH19 4SR

**Call:** 01342 410 121 **Click:** [www.visiteastgrinstead.com](http://www.visiteastgrinstead.com)

**Email:** [communityandtourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk](mailto:communityandtourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk)

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Open 9.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

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# THE Line

WHERE EAST MEETS WEST  
ON THE MERIDIAN LINE

Winter 2026  
Edition 92



## The Big Reveal and Christmas Lights Switch-On

It's almost time for one of East Grinstead's favourite festive traditions – The Big Reveal and Christmas Lights Switch-On!

On Saturday 21 November, the town centre will come alive as local traders unveil their beautifully decorated festive windows, bringing Christmas cheer to the High Street and London Road.

The celebrations will begin at 4.30pm on the High Street with festive music from the East Grinstead Concert Band before the Town Council Christmas lights and Rotary Tree of Light are switched on at 5.00pm.

Once the lights sparkle into life, the Big Reveal will begin, with decorated shop windows unveiled for everyone to enjoy. Don't forget to vote for your favourite display on the Town Council website.

With late-night shopping, festive atmosphere and plenty to see, it's a great opportunity to enjoy the town and support our local shops and businesses.

Come along, shop local and celebrate the start of Christmas in East Grinstead!



## East Grinstead Christmas Market

Get into the festive spirit at this year's East Grinstead Christmas Market on Sunday 6 December from 11.00am to 4.00pm at East Court and Meridian Hall.

With a great selection of festive stalls to explore, it's the perfect opportunity to find some unique Christmas gifts, pick up seasonal treats and support local traders and makers.

Younger visitors can also pay a special visit to Santa in his grotto, kindly brought to town by the Lions. Bring along family and friends and enjoy a relaxed festive day out, with plenty to see, browse and enjoy as Christmas gets into full swing.

## Remembrance Sunday

East Grinstead will come together on Sunday 8 November to remember those who gave their lives in service.

The day will begin at 10.00am with a short gathering at the WW2 Memorial at East Court.

At 10.30am, the parade will assemble in King Street/London Road before making its way up London Road and along the High Street to the War Memorial. The service will begin shortly before 11.00am and will include two minutes' silence, the reading of the names of fallen soldiers and the laying of wreaths by dignitaries and parade groups.

Following the service, the parade will continue along the High Street, finishing on Church Lane.

Road closures will be in place along the High Street and London Road from 10.00am to 12 noon. Motorists are asked to follow closure signs and marshals' directions.

If you are parking in King Street car park, please enter from Christopher Road.

Everyone is welcome to attend this important day of remembrance.

There will also be a 2 minute silence at the War Memorial on the High Street at 11.00am on Wednesday 11 November.

## Robin Hood at Chequer Mead Theatre

Bringing the legendary tale of Robin Hood to life with all the magic, mischief and mayhem you'd expect from Chequer Mead. Join us in Sherwood Forest for a swashbuckling, laugh-out-loud Christmas adventure!

Get your tickets now.  
[www.chequermead.co.uk](http://www.chequermead.co.uk)  
Phone 01342 302 000



# Town Events

For information on town events, contact our Community and Tourism Team on 01342 410 121, [communityandtourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk](mailto:communityandtourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk) or go to [www.visiteastgrinstead.com](http://www.visiteastgrinstead.com)



**Sunday 8 November**

**Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service**

**Wednesday 11 November**

**Remembrance Day**

**Saturday 21 November**

**The Big Reveal and Christmas Light Switch-On**

**Sunday 6 December**

**Christmas Market at East Court**

**2027**

**Tuesday 9 March**

**Annual Town Meeting (6.00pm), Meridian Hall**

**1-3 May**

**Mid Sussex Marathon Weekend**

**Monday 3 May**

**Lions May Fair**

**6 June, 4 July and 1 August**

**East Court Live**

## Christmas support for the community

Christmas should be a time of joy and celebration, but we recognise that the festive season can also bring additional financial pressures for some residents. Thanks to the generosity and continued support of the Sidney Betchley, Henry Smith Charity and John Smith's Trust, applications are open for the Christmas food voucher scheme to eligible residents aged 67 and over living in East Grinstead, Ashurst Wood or Forest Row on a low income.

Completed applications must be received by Friday 13 November, with further details available on the Town Council website; paper copies of forms will be available at local collection points, including the library and East Court reception. Should you have any queries, contact the Deputy Town Clerk at [towncouncil@eastgrinstead.gov.uk](mailto:towncouncil@eastgrinstead.gov.uk).

## Mount Noddy Cemetery newsletter

If you would like to receive our new monthly Cemetery newsletter, please email [cemeterymanager@eastgrinstead.gov.uk](mailto:cemeterymanager@eastgrinstead.gov.uk) to be added to the mailing list.



East Grinstead  
Foodbank  
Together with Trussell

**Donate items to be delivered directly via our online shop**

Through our Community Basket, you can now send the exact items we've asked for, delivered straight to our door each month. It's simple, practical and incredibly useful. Every item is bought, packed and delivered alongside others from people in the community who want to help in a real, tangible way.

[www.givetoday.co.uk/egfoodbank](http://www.givetoday.co.uk/egfoodbank)



## Youth Sports Grants

There is a £3,500 grant fund available for youth sports. Application forms are on the Town Council website and need to be submitted by Friday 18 December.

## East Grinstead Photo Calendar – Celebrate East Grinstead All Year Round!

The winners of the 2027 East Grinstead Photo Calendar Competition have been announced – congratulations to all the talented local photographers! There are some amazing images capturing the changing seasons and the beauty of our town and surrounding countryside.

The calendar is now on sale at the library and East Court, making it the perfect gift for family, friends or yourself. Don't miss the chance to enjoy a full year of East Grinstead through the eyes of our local photographers.

Get your copy for only £5 and celebrate the town all year round!



## Pump Track

Following the popularity of the temporary pump track at King George's Field during the last two summer holidays, we're continuing to explore how we might bring similar opportunities to East Grinstead in the future. The track was well used and well loved, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. At this stage, we're looking into the feasibility of permanent options. These discussions are still in the early phases and will depend on future funding, planning and community support. Realistically, any permanent solution may take a few years to develop, but we're committed to keeping the conversation going.

## Would you like to raise your business profile while supporting your local community?



East Court Live is East Grinstead Town Council's popular free outdoor music event, bringing live music, local people and families together at East Court throughout the summer.

There are three East Court Live events each year, taking place on the first Sunday of June, July and August, giving sponsors three opportunities to connect with local residents and visitors.

Sponsoring East Court Live is a great way to put your business in front of thousands of people while demonstrating your support for the local community. A range of sponsorship opportunities are available, offering increased brand visibility and association with a well-established and well-attended local event.

Your support helps us continue to deliver East Court Live as a free event for the community, helping to create enjoyable summer days out for everyone.

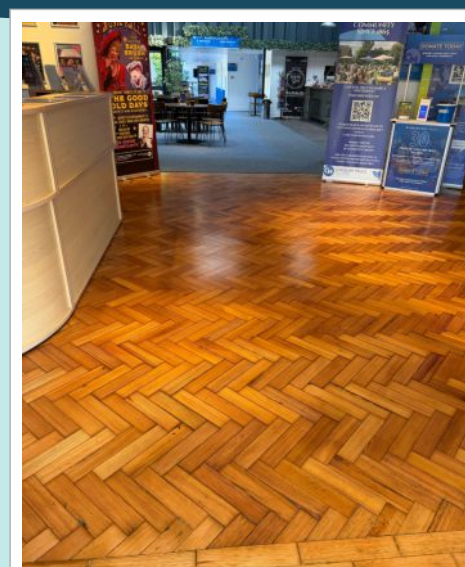
Interested in becoming an East Court Live sponsor? For more information, phone 01342 410121 or email [communityandtourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk](mailto:communityandtourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk)

## East Grinstead Classic Motor Show

In September 2026, East Grinstead's High Street once again became a must-visit destination for motoring enthusiasts, with a fantastic display of classic cars and motorbikes lining the town centre.

From beautifully restored classics to much-loved vehicles with years of history, the show brought together proud owners and curious visitors for a day celebrating all things motoring. There was plenty of opportunity to admire the vehicles, chat to their owners and share memories of cars and bikes from days gone by.

The event continues to be a popular fixture in the town's calendar, bringing a real buzz to the High Street and attracting visitors from across the area.



## Chequer Mead Refurbishment Progress

Exciting improvements continue at Chequer Mead as work progresses on the refurbishment of our much-loved community theatre.

Over the past year, enhancements have been completed to improve both the appearance and comfort of the venue. The entrance flooring has been refreshed, new carpets have been installed in the Apron Café and surrounding hallways, and stylish new bi-fold doors and glazing have transformed the café area, creating a brighter and more welcoming space for visitors.

In addition, the heating system has been upgraded, helping to ensure a more comfortable experience for audiences, performers and community groups throughout the year.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support during the refurbishment works and look forward to welcoming you to Chequer Mead very soon.

## East Court Room Hire



✓ Council Chamber

✓ Mayor's Parlour

✓ Main Hall

✓ Cranston Suite

FOR MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING PRICES:

✉ [bookings@eastgrinstead.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@eastgrinstead.gov.uk)

🌐 <https://www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk/venue-hire/>

